

**PANTHER CREEK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting (via Zoom and in-person) was called to order by Everett at 7:05P

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE (marked with 'Y')

Y	Barnes, Matthew	Y	Kowalski, Kevin		Majors Baca, Jennifer
	Currey, Kevin		Krutchen, Randy		Meyer, Chuck
Y	Freeman, Drew		Leavitt, Bryan		Reynolds, Mindy
	Gebolys, Paul	Y	Lisiewski, Walter		Zertuche, Stephanie
	Hausman, Peggy	Y	Lochridge, Gene		Hanlin, Kristen
Y	Ison, Everett		Lockwood, Dewey	Y	Burton, Betty
Y	Ellis, Michael				

GUESTS / SPEAKER

Specialist Eric Medina

Amy Tidwell – The Woodlands Township, Program Specialist

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Highlights concerning Panther Creek:

#	Stat	Comments, as needed
4	DWIs	
1	PI	
2	Narcotics arrests	
0	Burglaries of vehicles	
0	Burglaries of habitations	
0	Burglaries of buildings	
2	Criminal mischiefs	
8	Vehicle crashes	
355	Traffic stops	
112	Vacation watches	
263	Directive area patrols	
1,005	Total calls for service	
5	Suspicious persons	
11	Suspicious vehicles	
	Alarm Calls	
54	Welfare Checks	

Everett asked a question about the possibility of a return to past routines around information sharing from the Sheriff's office.

Specialist Medina offered a reminder about the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office app where public information is available regarding criminal activity in the area.

Everett discussed a past issue in Alden Bridge. Information was shared regarding individuals involved with an incident, and one of the individuals ended up being proven innocent.

Walt expressed concern about a recent picture of a car in the Huntsman parking lot that was raised on blocks with all tires removed.

There was discussion about the efficacy of devices like GPS trackers that can be used to track cars, bikes, and other vehicles or items that can be stolen.

Gene asked a question about catalytic converters being stolen. Specialist Medina confirmed there have been some cases of stolen as well as recovered catalytic converters.

GUEST SPEAKER(s)

Jennifer Majors Baca addressed the board, sharing her reasons for running for president of the Panther Creek Village Association Board.

Maris Blair addressed the board, sharing her reasons for running to be state representative for district 15. She discussed her background and answered some questions.

- A question was asked about differences from the incumbent, Steve Toth, and that led to some discussion about the differences in their positions regarding incorporation.
- A question was asked about Steve Toth's work on dyslexia and critical race theory, particularly about Maris' intentions to either continue supporting that work or not. This was followed by discussion about the important role that teaming plays in legislation. There was also some discussion about the complexity of critical race theory related issues, as there are "spin-offs" that need to be carefully considered and factored into any response.
- A question was asked about veterans and rising rates of suicide and homelessness in the military. She discussed the importance of listening for the purpose of understanding how to prevent key groups being left behind.

Terri MacArthur addressed the board to raise awareness of efforts needed to address water quality issues in the area. Key points covered included:

- Waterways have been deemed hazardous in our area due, in large part, to dog poop being bagged and then discarded in storm drains or directly in waterways.
- This contributed to a recent rise of instances of mosquitos testing positive for west Nile virus. Too many leaves being blown into storm drains has also been a contributing factor.
- To address this issue, every MUD in the Township has purchased sewer markers to warn against dumping in storm drains.
- Efforts to install across The Woodlands were stalled in March 2020 due to the pandemic.
- There is a renewed push to get markers installed on all drains in 2022.

- There was discussion about a date that would work for Panther Creek and April 2 was proposed....April 2 from 9-11am at Ridgewood Park, specifically.

MINUTES

No minutes were captured last meeting. Secretary was unexpectedly unable to attend the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

No expenses last month. No need to approve. Everett did advise there will be some expenses forthcoming.

PROGRAM SPECIALIST

There will be a virtual event on the subject of bank chugging.
Muddy Trails and Touch-a-truck coming up

Residential Design Review Committee

Everett is trying to get a representative to come soon.

Development Standards Committee

N/A

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

N/A

LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting happened earlier this evening. There is a focus on curbing drinking and driving. There is also a push to call attention to safety awareness day.

Important upcoming dates:

- National Night Out will be October 2
- Law Enforcement Expo will be October 15

SCHOLARSHIPS

N/A

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS

Dr. Sekula-Gibbs addressed the board. Key topics addressed/covered included:

- She discussed challenges that can be associated with being un-incorporated and not having ready access to data from law enforcement.
- Concerning the Grogan's Mill and Research Forest intersection, it was recently approved to increase the turning lanes and there is a plan to study alternatives to an overpass.
- Woodlands Express will be conveying rodeo Houston attendees to/from NRG.
- There are now kayaks available for rent in Creekside Park / Lake Paloma
- Creekside Park has been moved to a new precinct, causing some issues regarding plans for a large retention pond along Gosling. Currently, it is barren, but plans are taking shape that could have some plants around it.

- It is expected that the office of the Attorney General will give a decision on CARES Act money soon. More to come on that.
- Sales and hotel taxes have been coming in strong (based on end of 2021 and early 2022).
- A question was asked about a flashing cross-walk that has been put in on New Trails and how one might be requested for the cross-walk on Gosling near Collins Intermediate.
 - It was confirmed that this is a state issue, and that traffic installations like that have to be registered through the GIS programs.
 - It was also confirmed that Andy Dubois is the right contact in Noack's office to get that ball rolling.
- Potential upcoming capital investments include the following:
 - A new firehouse station 5; currently having foundation issues.
 - A new performing arts center
 - There was also discussion about how the fact that the Marriott is where the Woodlands' convention center is gets overlooked.
- A question was asked about whether trolley service to the village centers has been discussed yet.
 - Dr. Gibbs said that the inability to do economic development like a city can is a factor.
 - Everett shared some history around attempts to do that and the budgetary issues that got in the way. The Panther Creek merchant's association also didn't want it when it was raised previously.
 - Dr. Gibbs recommended raising the issue when providing the next report to the Township Board.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Everett shared updates regarding a cell tower where a shortage of resin for fiberglass on a custom part is an issue. A canister cover fell into Brighton Academy's play area. All canister covers have been removed pending additional repairs to the other parts of the structure.

There was also a reminder about the upcoming elections. Everett also reminded the board and attendees that, according to the bylaws, in order to be an officer you have to have served 2 years on the board before becoming an officer.

There have been discussions with Kim about a potential date for the dedication for Dan (and Kim), but there is a desire to wait for a date that will work for Paul Gebolys.

OLD BUSINESS

Elections

- Convenience voting will happen from 2/14 to 2/18.
- Election day is 2/19

Flea Market

- All bills have been paid, distribution of funds should be coming this week

NEW BUSINESS

Picnic

- An application needs to be submitted
 - Can go for June 11 or June 18
 - There was a decision to go for June 11

Township Agreement

- The township service agreement was approved.
- \$12,500 was approved

Budget

- We will need to have a budget ready for review at the next meeting

AGENDA ITEM'S FOR NEXT MEETING

Baseball outing

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Cynthia Powell addressed all in attendance, sharing that she is running for a position on the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33PM.

Minutes submitted by Kevin Kowalski, Secretary, Panther Creek Village Association.